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Mr. Randall R. Fiebrandt, P.E.
Director, Environmental Operations
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Dear Mr. Fiebrandt:

Re: Norwegian Cruise Lines - Approval for Discharges to Washington State Waters

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on April 20, 2004, specifies that certain information should be provided to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for review and approval prior to discharge to the "waters subject to this MOU". The information received by Ecology from Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) regarding the cruise ship NORWEGIAN STAR and the cruise ship NORWEGIAN SPIRIT did not clearly provide adequate information to Ecology for a complete technical evaluation of the treatment system. Therefore, our review of the proposed system was based on the historical performance of the system and on sampling and monitoring conducted by NCL and information received from the State of Alaska and United State Coast Guard (USCG). Ecology, based on evidences submitted by NCL and other information received from the State of Alaska and USCG, hereby **APPROVES** this system in accordance with the signed MOU. The approval, however, may be revoked if the NCL fails to comply with the discharge requirements to provide for continuous advanced wastewater treatment for their discharges into Washington State waters, and meet the standards set out in the MOU.

Ecology's responsibility in reviewing the above referred treatment technology is for general public health and environmental quality. It is Ecology's role to provide reasonable assurance that the proposed plan and related activities are adequate and pose no threat to the public health or to the environment. The owners/operators of this project shall retain full responsibility for technical adequacy and completeness of this project. Neither the Washington State Department of Ecology, nor Ecology's reviewer(s), accepts any of the owners/operators professional responsibility and potential liability. This approval does not relieve NCL from responsibility for the lack of technical adequacy or accuracy of the content of the above-referenced documents. Nothing in this approval shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal, state or local statutes, ordinances or regulations.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Ed Abbasi, Water Quality Engineer, at the address above or telephone (425) 649-7227.

Sincerely,

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